

### Remarks

In light of the above amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration of Claims 1-4 and 8 and their allowance are respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been newly added to more particularly claim one of the preferred embodiments of the present invention. Support for this amendment is found in the specific examples of the specification.

The present application has been restricted into the following groups:

Group 1, claims 1-4, drawn to a process for making pyridines;

Group 2, claims 5 and 7 (in part), drawn to phosphorus intermediates III; and

Group 3, claims 6 and 7 (in part), drawn to intermediates IV.

The applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1, i.e., claims 1-4 and 8, directed to the process for making pyridines. Claims 5-7 have been withdrawn. Since the intermediates of Groups 2 and 3 are necessary to practice the process of Group 1, this election is made with traverse. The applicants reserve the right of rejoinder should the process claims be found allowable.

For purposes of examination, the applicants elect the species of claim 8.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are respectfully requested.

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